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*903. [71] **Sri. R. K. Ram:** Will the Hon'ble Chief Minister be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of Tamilian Gazetted Officers in the State in the scale of Rs. 175—225 and above;

(*b*) the number of Gazetted Officers in the State in the scale of Rs. 175—225 from the scheduled castes and how many of these are Tamilians;

(*c*) whether the Government have taken any steps in the case of backward communities as stated in clause 13 of the Government Proceedings C.5-10678/49/DD, dated 1st June 1950 and published in the Government Gazette, dated 6th June 1950, regarding advancement of backward communities;

(*d*) the number of Government servants belonging to the scheduled class getting Rs. 100 and above in the Secretariat establishment;

(*e*) whether the Government ever applied the provisions of the Government proceedings regarding the advancement of backward communities in the case of these servants?

Chief Minister **(Sri. C. Kesavan):**

(*a*) & (*b*) Pending integration of the Travancore and Cochin service personnel, the Civil lists and Establishment lists have not been compiled and steps are being taken to start the work as integration proceeds. It is not possible to furnish correct figures now.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Four.

(*e*) The matter is under consideration of the Public Service Commission.

SYNTHETIC RICE

*904. [73] **Sri. R. K. Ram:** Will the Hon'ble Chief Minister be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether there is a scheme for the manufacture of synthetic rice out of tapioca; if so what is the agency under which the synthetic rice is manufactured and distributed;

(*b*) the quantity that is expected to be manufactured in a year;

(*c*) has any agreement been made for the manufacture of this rice;

(*d*) whether any machinery has been purchased for this purpose;

(*e*) the materials required for the manufacture of synthetic rice and the proportion of the component parts of the synthetic rice when manufactured;

(*f*) the quantity of tapioca and other materials required for the manufacture of one Edangali of synthetic rice;

(*g*) the cost of production of one Edangali of synthetic rice.

Minister for Education, Food and Labour **(Sri. T. K. Narayana Pillai):**

(*a*) A scheme for the manufacture of synthetic rice is under the consideration of Government, the details have not been finalised.

(*b*) & (*c*) Vide latter part of the answer to (*a*).

(*d*) Yes. A demonstration plant has been got fabricated under the auspices of the Central Food Technological Institute, Mysore.

(*e*) Tapioca flour and groundnut cake flour. They are mixed in the proportion of 9:1.

(*f*) 36 ozs. of tapioca flour and 4 ozs. of ground nut cake flour.

(*g*) Seven annas.

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